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SUBJECT: FEB 9 MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL--THE COMBINED
MILITARY COORDINATION & PLANNING STAFF

1. THIS MISSION HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE THE TREATY CAME INTO
EFFECT IN SEPT TO ACCELERATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE INAUGURATION
OF THE COMBINED STAFF, RECOGNIZING ITS IMPORTANCE TO OUR
EFFORTS TO BRING THE SPANISH CLOSER TO THE
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. I HAVE AGAIN BEEN IN TOUCH RECENTLY WITH
THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON THIS SUBJECT AND WILL BE RAISING IT
WITH THE MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY BEFORE THE COUNCIL
MEETING ON FEB 9.

2. A HIGHLIGHT ON THE AGENDA OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
WILL BE THE FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE
COMBINED STAFF. AT THIS TIME WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THE
REMAINING HURDLES THAT NEED TO BE CROSSED IN ORDER TO ALLOW
INAUGURATION OF THE STAFF.

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3. THE SPANISH CO-DIRECTOR-DESIGNATE OF THE STAFF, MAJ. GEN.
JAMIE LLOSA, WILL ATTEND THE COUNCIL MEETING.

4. I THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD BE A MOST APPROPRIATE
OCCASION FOR THE US CO-DIRECTOR-DESIGNATE, MAJ. GEN. STAN L.
MCCLELLAN, TO COME TO MADRID. HIS PRESENCE HERE FOR THE MEETING
WOULD GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIS COUNTERPARTS

AND BY HIS PRESENCE TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO
MOVING FORWARD TOWARD EARLY INAUGURATION OF THE STAFF.

5. THE COUNCIL WILL CONVENE AT 11:30 A.M. ON FEB 9 IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS WILL BE GIVING A LUNCHEON AND THERE WILL BE A DINNER
AT MY RESIDENCE THAT EVENING, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES TO INTRODUCE GEN. MCCLELLAN IN MADRID. STABLER

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